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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.), Form PTO-1449, 11 Cited References
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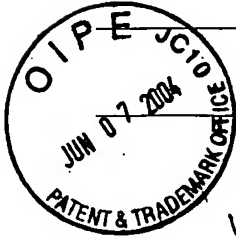
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The available translations or portions of the available translations for

the listed documents as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(ii) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 04-046070	04/1992	Japan
JP 05-239413	09/1993	Japan
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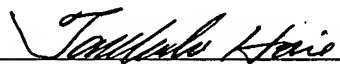
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), an English language version of Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 07-267478, JP 09-001986, JP 05-311135A, JP 06-008362, JP 09-071097, JP 2000-204328, JP 2001-098233, JP 2001-192625, JP 2001-240812 and JP 5-239413 are provided for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of those references to the Examiner and the USPTO with an opportunity to evaluate the same. No available translation is available for Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 04-046070, however the figures are relevant to the claimed invention.

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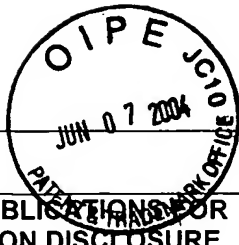
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed document be made of record in the present case.

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	A5	H 07-267478	10/17/1995	Japan		Yes
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